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The news received from Estonia at the end of November this year.

1. Paldiski - Baltic Post

The work of constructing a military harbor in Paldiski began in 1945 with an accelerated tempo and continues all the time. In this work are engaged workers of Russian and Ukrainian nationality. Until the fall of 1946 there were also German prisoners of war. At the present time they are not here any more.

The construction of subterranean hangars for military aviation in the northern part of the harbor is being especially conducted in an accelerated manner.

Here in the clay shore, tunnels of a very large size are made, through which planes can come in freely from the surface of the sea. All the necessary auxiliary establishments such as shops, gasoline and oil storehouses are located underground. In some places pipes come out to the surface, having approximately one meter in diameter, the ~~purpose~~ ^{purpose} of which is unknown. All the civilian population of Estonian nationality were evacuated a long time ago from this district and unauthorized personnel are not allowed to enter it under the penalty of being shot on sight.

In the summer of this year about 30 seaplanes were seen coming out of the tunnel into the sea. The majority of which were of the twin - engine type. On that day the seaplanes did not return to the local station.

2. The island of Pakri (Western Paldiski)

Information received from different sources confirms that on the island there were at least 4 long-range batteries of large calibre, 2 cannons each. The cannons are concealed in subterranean batteries

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and only seldom are brought out for training in an armored tower.

Submarines have been quite often noted in the region of the island. Whether they have here their permanent station is unknown.

In addition searchlight stations of a very high light power are located on Pakri.

3. Saaremaa Island

In the western part of the island in the district of Kihelkonna three heavy long-range batteries have been established (according to observations in March of this year).

At the same time, according to unconfirmed rumors, certain instruments resembling guns were placed here. These instruments, however, are not guns. It was rumored that a "rocket battalion" will be stationed here.

4. At the end of 1948 a Soviet Paratrooper School was located at Königsberg (Kaliningrad), outside the city limits.

young men of various nationalities were trained in this school. The majority of the trainees were, after the Germans and Poles, Spaniards and Yugoslavs. There were also Czechs. The training was conducted partially in the city itself and partially outside of the city where the trainees were taken in closed cars.

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